

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA MISSOULA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CR 14-5-M-DLC

Plaintiff,

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING PLEA

VS.

SPRING FELEZITAS SMITH,

Defendant.

The Defendant, by consent, has appeared before me under Fed. R. Crim. P. 11 and has entered a plea of guilty to the possession of stolen firearms in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(j) as set forth in the Indictment. Defendant also agrees to the forfeiture allegations in the Indictment. After examining the Defendant under oath, I have made the following determinations:

1. That the Defendant is fully competent and capable of entering an informed and voluntary plea to the criminal offense charged against her, and an informed and voluntary admission to the allegation of forfeiture;

- 2. That the Defendant is aware of the nature of the charge against her and the consequences of pleading guilty to the charge;
- 3. That the Defendant understands the allegation of forfeiture and the consequences of admitting to the allegation;
- 4. That the Defendant fully understands her constitutional rights, and the extent to which she is waiving those rights by pleading guilty to the criminal offense charged against her, and admitting to the allegation of forfeiture;
- 5. That both her plea of guilty to the criminal offense charged against her and her admission to the allegation of forfeiture are knowingly and voluntarily entered, and are both supported by independent factual grounds sufficient to prove each of the essential elements of the criminal offense charged and the legal basis for the forfeiture.

The Court further concludes that the Defendant had adequate time to review the Plea Agreement with counsel, that she fully understands each and every provision of the agreement and that all of the statements in the Plea Agreement are true. Therefore, I recommend that the Defendant be adjudged guilty of the offense charged in the Indictment. I further recommend the agreed forfeiture be imposed against Defendant.

This report is forwarded with the recommendation that the Court defer

a decision regarding acceptance until the Court has reviewed the Plea

Agreement and the presentence report.

DATED this 28th day of May, 2014.

Jeremiah C. Lynch
United States Magistrate Judge